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July 14, 1918.

Mrs. Bion B. Williams,
East McKeesport, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Williams:

I have delayed my reply to your letter of the 9th, trying to find out whether it would be possible for me to be at your Synodical meeting at Scranton, October 26th to 28th. But after waiting so long I do not seem to be able to be quite certain. Would it be possible for this matter to rest just a little? I should like very much to be with Pennsylvania this year but I am due in the West for some meetings and until all those dates have been cleared up and I can plan the amount of time necessary to make the trip back, I cannot be certain about this. If you are willing to wait a little, I will come if I can possibly manage it.

It seems to me there is quite a difficulty before you in the question of the name under which your fall meeting should be held. To my mind the wisest solution would be to send out - if this be possible in the way your plans are carried out - a call for a business session, this to be the first session of your Synodical meeting. In sending that call I would use the name "Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions" and in the call I would say that at this meeting there will be presented for ratification the constitution passed by the Executive Board, etc. I would then have my program for the other sessions printed with title " Synodical Society of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania." It seems to me this is really the only way that you could legally do this as you cannot sent out the call in the name of a body that does not exist; by the time the program was to be presented, the new organization would be in existence. Would such a solution meet your problem?

I note that you say in your letter that you do not wish to disturb Mrs. Deifenderfer. What is the situation at their home? I should be most glad to know.

With every good wish believe me that I am

Cordially yours,

Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania

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East McKeesport, Pa. 6/29/1920.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett;-
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett;-

There are one or two little things that are puzzling me, and I am claiming your kind promise to help.

First;- The resolution presented to Pennsylvania Synodical Society of Home Missions, asking that the constitution be opened to embrace Foreign Missions, had this sentence in section 3rd;- " and that the Executive Board (of the Synodical Society) shall have power to act as it may deem wise upon the basis of the information received".

In accordance with the authority thus vested, at the mid-winter Executive meeting, after receiving a unanimous vote from the 19 presbyterials, the Synodical Board voted to open the constitution to embrace Foreign missions, and that the society should henceforth be known as th"Synodical Society of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania". Now the question that is facing me is this;- which name shall I use on the "call" and the program for the annual meeting in October? The constitution will be presented for ratification, and it appears to me that the vote of the Synodical vesting the Executive body with power to act, makes legal the change of name, also it seems rather incongruous, if not discourteous, to ask representatives of the Foreign presbyterials to attend this meeting to vote on the constitution of the new organization, and still call it a "Home" organization.

Please set me straight.

Second;-quoting from a letter of your own, "if at the time of reorganization, you desire a representative from head quarters to advise, we will be glad to give you every assistance in our power", I come claiming your promise, and am not a bit modest in my demands. Please we want Mrs.Bennett at our meeting at Scranton, October 26-28 1920.

In talking with some of the other officers, they back me in feeling that this is necessisary, if you can possibly so arrange, and we are also asking Miss Hodge to be with us, for we feel this a very important meeting to Pennsylvania, and consequent ly to the Boards, and it means much that we get the proper start.

In response to a letter from Mrs.Gildersleeve concerning speakers for the Synodical, I expressed a hope we could have Miss Tyler, and would still be very glad to have her with us, but we feel it much more important to have our "chief" and that it is asking too much to send us two Board members, so if you feel you can accede to our request, we will be willing to wait for Miss Tyler until another year, and let some other society have her this time.

Willyou please pardon a personal plea? I am NEW in the work, and(this is not a complaint, just to justify my plea) seem to be thrown so much on my own resourses, by the absence in California, since March, and until October Ist, at least, of Miss Murdaugh,Recording Secretary, and with Mrs.Deifenderfer in a position where I do not feel I should even ask her a question which will force her to take a minute of time and thought for my sake, and Mrs.Geil at the length of the state,and all conference has to be by letter. Consequently there may be many weak places in my plans, and may I not hope you will come to our meeting and help bridge them, for my sake as well as for the work's sake?

Hoping to hear from you at an early date,

Lovingly,

Mrs. Bim B.) Cora Lee Williams

Resolved (1), That the Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions in the State of Pennsylvania in its annual meeting refers to its constituent Presbyterial Societies the question of such an amendment to its Constitution as would make feasible a Synodical Missionary Society representing both Home and Foreign Missions.

Resolved (2), That the matter be referred at once to the constituent Presbyterial Societies with request for a report not later than January 15th, 1920.

Resolved (3), That this annual meeting desires that these reports shall be presented to the mid-winter meeting of the Executive Board of the Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions in the State of Pennsylvania and that the Executive Board shall have power to act as it may deem wise upon the basis of information so received.

Resolved (4), That this procedure is contingent upon the approval and acceptance of such a course by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church after it has received the report of its committee upon the formation of a Foreign Missionary Synodical. The whole matter shall be submitted to the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

NOTE—It is taken for granted that in event of such approval and acceptance, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will, through any channel it may choose, communicate with the Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions in State of Pennsylvania.

The first resolution was adopted as read. The second resolution, after some discussion, was adopted. Time for midwinter meeting was discussed and January 15 selected as a tentative date.

In evening, 8 o'clock, Dr. Little presiding, Dr. John McDowell of the New York Board, gave a most stirring address, The Church's Opportunity and Obligations, which closed the 37th annual meeting of Pennsylvania Synodical Society of Home Missions.

LETITIA W. MURDAUGH, Recording Secretary.

wish to express appreciation of her eight years of efficient and loving leadership, and bespeak for her successor the same loyal support. We also regretfully accept the resignations of our very faithful Secretary of Literature, Mrs. R. A. Stewart, Mrs. J. W. Sharpe, Vice-President, and Mrs. Fisk, Vice-President, Mrs. Evans, our Contingent Treasurer, each who has so loyally served the Synodical Board for many years.

V. That as a Synodical Society we extend our sincere thanks to the women of the First Presbyterian Church of New Castle for their most cordial welcome and hospitality. That we feel especially indebted to those who furnished the music, to the decorating committee, and to the hospitality who so graciously and bountifully supplied our temporal needs. Also to express our appreciation to Mrs. J. Y. Boyd, who so wonderfully brought us into His very Presence; and to our speakers, Mrs. Tillinghast and Miss Kinniburgh and Dr. McDowell, who gave us such inspiring addresses.

Time and Place—Mrs. Piollet recommended we meet within bounds of Lackawanna—place to be named later.

Mrs. Skillman announced the following names for election of Officers of Pennsylvania Woman's Synodical Society:

President—Mrs. B. B. Williams.

Advisory Member—Mrs. S. P. Harbison.

Vice Presidents—Mrs. W. E. Geil, Mrs. S. A. Reeder, Mrs. J. E. Ramsey, Mrs. Samuel F. Semple, Mrs William M McKelvy, Miss Margaret Gayley, Mrs. H. B. McCrone.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. D. F. Diefenderfer.

Recording Secretary—Miss Letitia Murdaugh.

Literature—Mrs. George L. Russell.

Young People's Work—Mrs. Kinley McMillan.

Westminster Guild—Miss Mariana Ross.

Treasurer Contingent Fund—Miss Blanche Moffatt.

Mrs. Williams, the newly elected President, gave words of greeting.

Benediction by Dr. Little.

Adjourned meeting Wednesday evening the following resolutions were offered:

Resolved, That in view of the movement through the Church at large toward united action, the Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions in Pennsylvania is requested to organize so as to include Foreign Missions.

Discussion followed and in order to clarify some points the following was read by Mrs. Semple:

In view of the communications received from the committee appointed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church on the organization of a Foreign Synodical in Pennsylvania and from the delegates appointed to consider that purpose, the Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions in State of Pennsylvania expresses its cordial attitude toward these proposals. Therefore, be it